

CERTAIN ETERNITY



THE LETTER OF FIRST JOHN

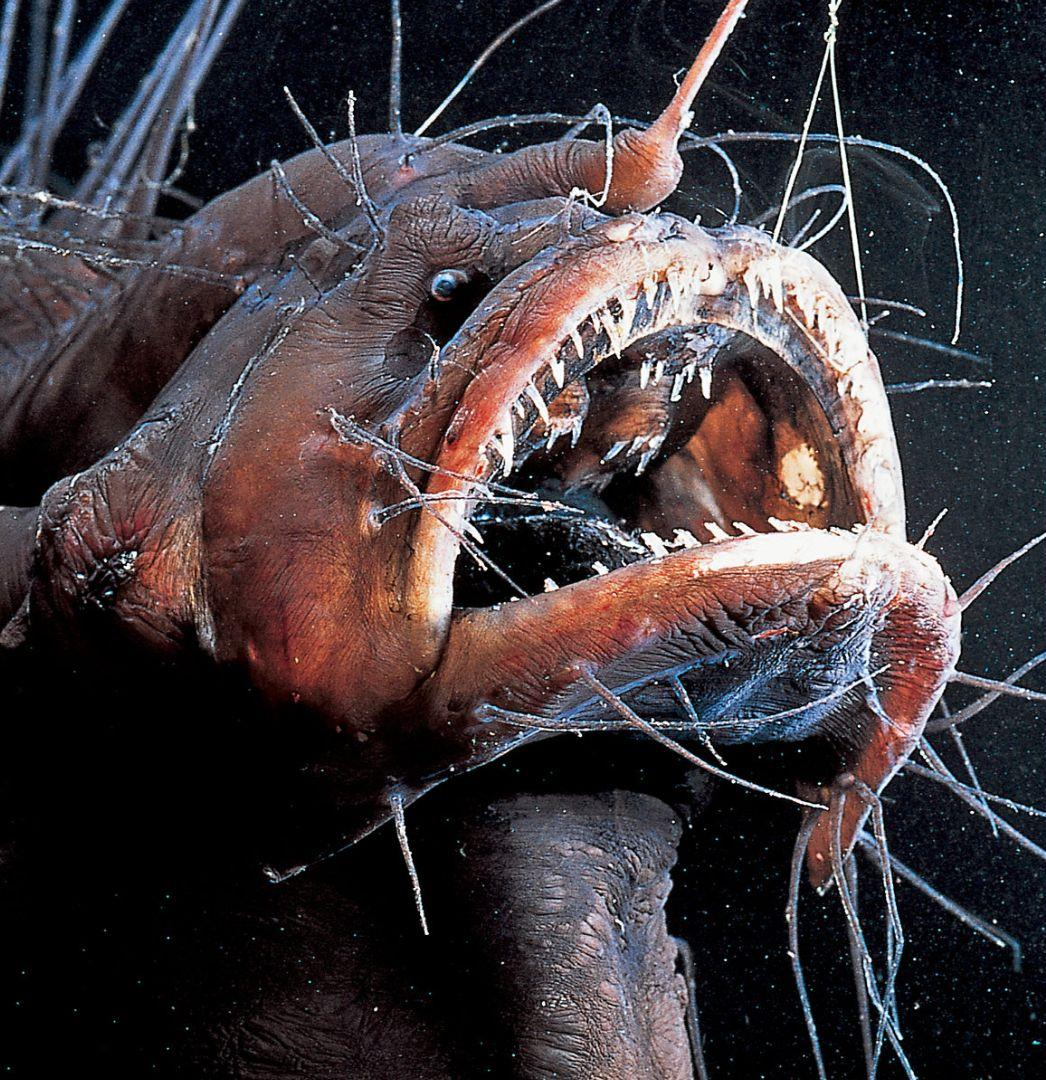
1 John 1:1-5

“1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. 5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”

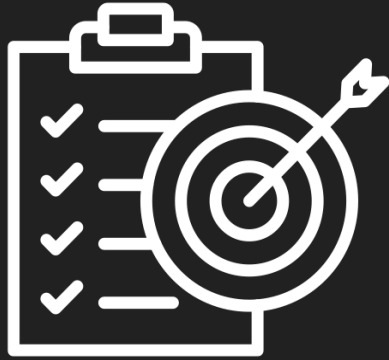








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GOAL:

**Know and Live
Good Theology**

God is Light



Jesus is Light

Prophecies made about Jesus about 700 years before he was born:

Isaiah 9:2 “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.”

Isaiah 49:6 “... I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”



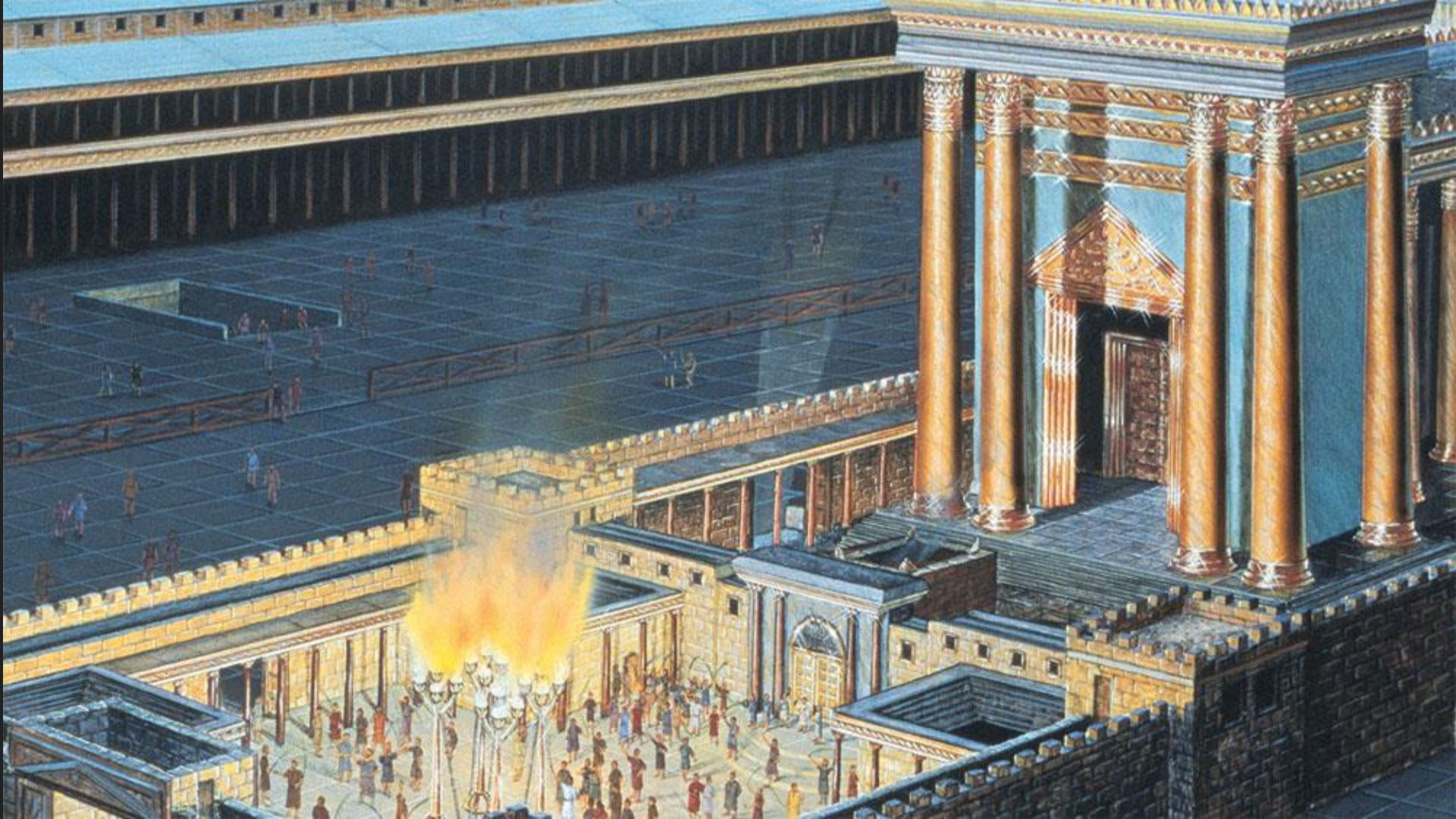
The Prophecies Fulfilled:

John 9:5, “While I am in the world, I am the light of the world”.

John 12:46 “I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness”

John 8:12 “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.””





2 Corinthians 11:13-15 “13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.”



GOAL:

**Know and Live
Yahweh's Kingdom
vs.
Kingdom of the World**



Old Testament Connections Between Light and Life:

Job 33:28-30 “28 He has redeemed my soul from going down into the pit, and my life shall look upon the light.’ 29 “Behold, God does all these things, twice, three times, with a man, 30 to bring back his soul from the pit, that he may be lighted with the light of life.”

Psalm 36:9 “For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.”

Psalm 56:13 “For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.”



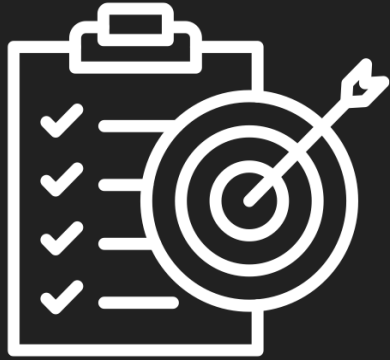
Old Testament Connections Between Light and Life:

Proverbs 16:15 “In the light of a king’s face there is life, and his favor is like the clouds that bring the spring rain.”

Aaronic blessing of Numbers 6:24-26 reflects this “face to shine upon you”

2 Corinthians 4:6 “For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”





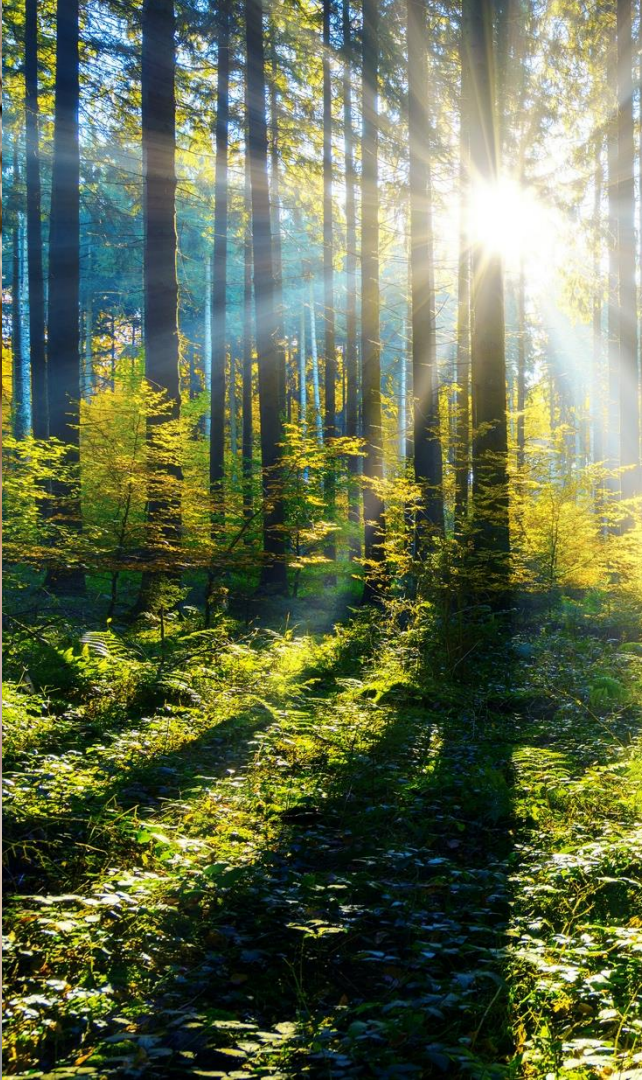
GOAL:

**Know and Live
Good Theology**

God is Life



Jesus is Life



John 1:1-5

“1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 8:12

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.””

John 14:6

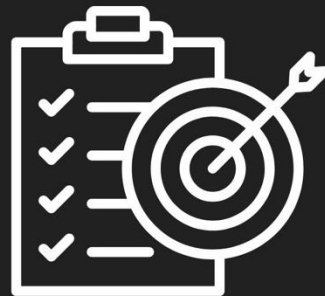
“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 11:25-26

“25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?””

“John is writing that life and light cannot be separated. They are essentially the same, with the idea of light emphasizing the manifestation of the divine life. The life was the Light is the same construction as “the Word was God” (Jn 1:1). As God is not separate from the Word, but the same in essence, so life and light share the same essential properties. The light combines with life in a metaphor for the purpose of clarity and contrast. God’s life is true and holy. Light is that truth and holiness manifest against the darkness of lies and sin.” John MacArthur





GOAL:

**Know and Live
A Certain Eternity**

(Over 30 evidences of a transformed heart!)

1 Thessalonians 5:4-5 “4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.”

John Piper observes “if the life of the Son of God IS the light that shines in the darkness, then there are at least four things we can say about this light. First, the light of life has energy and power because the life of the Son has energy and power. Second, the light of life has purpose and motion. It is not static like a lamppost or a lighthouse on the shore. It plans and moves. It shines now here, now there. It is alive with the life of the Son. Third, the light of life grows and expands. That is the way the life of the Son of God is. His life is a fountain of life. Once the rays start coming out of this light, they extend farther and farther and farther. Fourth, the light of life begets offspring. John 12:36 “Believe in the light, that you may become sons of the Light.”

David Attenborough's Light on Earth Clip



Matthew 5:14-16 “14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

The background of the flyer is decorated with various autumn-themed illustrations. At the top left is a slice of pie with a dollop of whipped cream. Next to it is a whole pie with a checkered lattice crust and a cherry on top. To the right is a chocolate chip cookie on a stick. On the left side, there is a pumpkin with green leaves. On the right side, there is a coffee cup with a pumpkin illustration on the sleeve and a heart-patterned whipped cream topping. At the bottom right, another slice of pie is visible. The central text is set against a brown, scalloped-edged background.

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